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MAGNET

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application, please amend it as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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5 *(Amended)* The magnetic powder as claimed in claim 1, wherein when the magnetic powder is formed into an isotropic bonded magnet by mixing with a binding resin and then molding it, the absolute value of the irreversible flux loss (initial flux loss) is equal to or less than 6.2%. *4*

6 *(Twice Amended)* The magnetic powder as claimed in claim 1, wherein said R comprises rare-earth elements mainly containing Nd and/ or Pr.